

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-5, 7, 9, and 10 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 7 and 9, which are independent, are hereby amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,643,652 to Helgeson et al (hereinafter, merely "Helgeson") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,199,099 to Gershman, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Gershman").

Claims 2-5, 7, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Helgeson in view of Gershman and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,718,515 to Conner, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Conner").

Claim 1, as amended, recites *inter alia*:

"...a portal core service;

a user management core service; and

a plurality of special services, each structured according to a model-view-controller architecture, each of said special services comprising...

...wherein each of the plurality of special services are designed to communicate with each of a remaining plurality of special services directly, via the controller of the special service."

As understood by Applicants, Helgesen relates to data exchange among systems in a network by translating data from a system specific local format to a generic interchange format object.

As understood by Applicants, Gershman relates to obtaining information on a mobile computing environment utilizing a distributed communication network. A pattern template is generated and stored and a query is then created based in part on user input. A response to the query is filtered using the pattern template.

As understood by Applicants, Conner relates to generating a table having dynamic data in response to a client browser request by instantiating a table format object with dynamic data extracted from one of a set of data objects through a common interface and then formatting the dynamic data according to a table format object.

Applicants respectfully submit that nothing has been found in Helgesen, Gershman, or Conner, taken alone or in combination, that would teach or suggest that above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, Applicants submit that Helgesen, Gershman, and Conner fail to teach or suggest a portal core service, a user management core service, and a plurality of special services, each structured according to a model-view-controller architecture, each of said special services comprise wherein each of the plurality of special services are

designed to communicate with each of a remaining plurality of special services directly, via the controller of the special service, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above, claims 7 and 9 are also believed to be patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

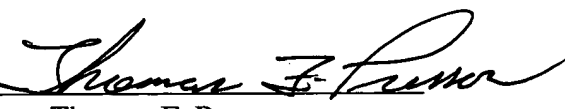
CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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